

A RESOLUTION recommending full funding for Community Mental Health Centers.

Whereas, Indiana understands the importance of serving the mentally ill within our communities;

Whereas, The Commission on Mental Health is charged with evaluating the funding system for mental health services in Indiana under Indiana Code 12-21-6.5-8;

Whereas, Community Mental Health Centers require appropriate levels of funding to support the match requirements of the Medicaid Rehabilitation Option (MRO) Program and the Mental Health Funds Recovery Program (MHFR) Program;

Whereas, Community Mental Health Centers are providing over \$120 million in uncompensated and charity care to clients with no payor source;

Whereas, Community Mental Health Centers require sufficient funds to address cost of living increases to support improved services to the mentally ill; and

Whereas, Indiana and the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) are developing new programs under a "Transformation model" that require funding to support a demonstration project: Therefore,

SECTION 1. That the members of the Mental Health Commission recommend the full funding of Community Mental Health Centers to support the provision of services for the mentally ill.